REMARKS

Within the Office Action dated October 01, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 9-12, 17 and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C section 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent 7,089,321 B2 to Hayashi (Hayashi) in view of United States Patent 5,414,455 to Hooper et al. (Hooper). Claims 5-7, 13-15, and 18-19 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi and Hooper, and further in view of United States Patent Application 2004/0,218,905 A1 to Green et al. (Green). Claims 8 and 16 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi, and Hooper, and further in view of United States Patent 6,857,130 B2 to Srikantan.

By this amendment Applicants amend claims 1, 9, and 17, but do not add or cancel any claims. Accordingly, claims 1-21 will be pending in the application upon entry of this amendment.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-8

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi in view of Hooper. Claims 6-7 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi, and Hooper, and further in view of Green. Claim 8 was rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi, and Hooper, and further in view of Srikantan. Claims 2-8 are dependent on claim 1.

Claim 1 recites a method for networking television recording devices. The method receives multiple television signals and selects a set of tuners from a plurality of tuners available on a home-based network. The method tunes each of the television signals in one of the tuners selected from the plurality of tuners, and buffers the television signals on a storage medium in at least one PVR media server. The PVR media server resides within the home-based network and

is particularly configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. The method couples several clients, over the home-based network, to the PVR media server, assigns at least two of the clients to one or more of the tuners, and transfers, over the home-based network, buffered television signals to the clients.

Applicants respectfully submit that Hayashi does not disclose, teach, or even suggest such a method. For instance, the cited portions of Hayashi and Hooper do not disclose a method of networking recording devices, including a personal video recording (PVR) media server within a home-based network. The method of claim 1 maintains a write position for buffering, and selects a set of tuners from a plurality of tuners available over the home-based network.

Accordingly, the cited references do not render unpatentable claim 1. Since claims 2-8 are dependent on claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not render unpatentable claims 2-8 for at least the reasons discussed above in relation to claim 1. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-8.

II.   Rejections of Claims 9-16

The Examiner rejected claims 9-13 under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi and Hooper. Claims 14-15 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi, and Hooper, and further in view of Green. Claim 16 was rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi, and Hooper, and further in view of Srikantan. Claims 10-18 are dependent on claim 9.

Claim 9 recites a system that includes several clients for displaying television signals, and at least one PVR media server coupled to receive several television signals. The PVR media

server has several television tuners for tuning each of the television signals, so as to assign at least two of the clients to one or more of the tuners, and thereby generate a set of assigned clients. The system further includes a storage medium and a home-based network. The storage medium is coupled to the television tuners, and is for buffering the television signals. The home-based network is for coupling the clients to the PVR media server and for transferring the buffered television signals to the assigned clients. The PVR media server is particularly configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. The system is configured for selecting a set of tuners for tuning the received signals. The selected tuners are coupled to storage media for buffering the signals for the assigned clients. In a specific embodiment, the PVR media server, the selected tuners, and the storage media are located within the home-based network.

Applicants respectfully submit that Hayashi and Hooper do not disclose, teach, or even suggest such a system. For instance, the cited portion of Hayashi and Hooper do not disclose a personal video recording (PVR) media server that is located within a home-based network, and that is particularly configured to maintain a write position for buffering. The system selects a set of tuners from a plurality of tuners available over the home-based network.

Accordingly, the cited references do not render unpatentable claim 9. Since claims 10-16 are dependent on claim 9, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not render unpatentable claims 10-16 for at least the reasons discussed above in relation to claim 9. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9-16.

III.   Rejection of Claims 17-21

Within the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 17 and 20-21 under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi in view of Hooper. Claims 18-19 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi and Hooper, and further in view of Green. Claims 18-21 are dependent on claim 17. Claim 17 recites a method of networking video recording devices that receives several signals, and thereby generates a set of received signals. The method selects several tuners located within a home-based network. The method tunes the received signals by using the tuners selected within the home-based network, and couples the tuners to storage media located within the home-based network. The method buffers the received signals by using a first storage medium in at least a first PVR media server thereby generating a set of buffered signals. The first PVR media server is configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. The first PVR media server located within the home-based network.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not disclose, teach, or even suggest the limitations recited by claim 17. For instance, new claim 17 recites a method of networking video recording devices that receives multiple signals, and thereby generates a set of received signals. The method selects several tuners located within a home-based network, and tunes the received signals by using the tuners selected within the home-based network. The method couples the tuners to several storage media, and buffers the received signals by using a first storage medium in at least a first PVR media server thereby generating a set of buffered signals. The first PVR media server is particularly configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. The cited references do not disclose that the first storage medium and the first PVR media server are located within the home-based network, as recited by claim 17.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not render unpatentable new claims 17-21. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 17-21.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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